1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tamil	373	43	422	262	1129	40	27	8	2304
Telugu	210	4	293	244	671	34	18	2	1476
Urdu	550	21	1370	387	554	79	19	3	2983
Bilingual	92	21	758	426	1491	423	180	46	3437
Multi-	20	5	130	77	272	72	38	14	628
Others	57	15	85	32	131	54	15	1	390
TOTAL:	5966	358	19631	7356	16109	3919	1925	516	5578

Losses to DD and AIR

†2030. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials of 'Doordarshan' and AIR **have** caused loss to the Government's exchequer amounting to Rs. 187 crores; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to recover the said amount and the action taken so far against the officials responsible for this?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) CAG in its report No. 2 of 2001 (Civil) observed that Doordarshan lost Rs. 186. 85 crores on account of management of commercial time by Doordarshan including marketing of the various sports events through sports consortium arrangement.

(b) Prasar Bharati informs that it has, however, differed from the observations of the CAG contending that the losses calculated are notional and various decisions including telecast of various sports events under the sports consortium arrangement were taken keeping in view the commitment of the public broadcaster towards its responsibility for promoting sports on its channels and also to earn revenue in the process. Under the consortium agreement, Doordarshan was not to incur any expenditure on acquisition of rights and at the same time was to earn revenue. In cases where revenue could not be recovered from the consortium members, appropriate action including legal action have

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

already been initiated. CAG and Prasar Bharati are currently engaged in correspondence in this regard.

Fee hike by cable operators

2031. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cable operators are proposing to hike their monthly fee by 100 per cent on the ground that the broadcasters have arbitrarily increased their service charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the broadcasters suspect that the cable operators under report, the number of cable connection*) thereby putting the broadcasters to loss; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider undertaking an independent survey to resolve the dispute and rationalise the cable fee structure with a view to providing some relief to the public?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Cable operators are threatening to effect heafty hike in their monthly fee.

(b) the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India is currently seized of the matter.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

Publications of foreign newspapers and magazines

2032. SHRI R.SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign newspapers and news magazines being published in the country; and

(b) what are the guidelines issued to such newspapers or magazines?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The extant print media policy of the Government prohibits publication of any foreign newspapers or news magazines in India. In pursuance of this policy, no foreign newspapers or news magazines have been permitted to be published. However, this